

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration provides the opportunity for all Americans to recognize, honor and thank our Vietnam Veterans and their families for their service and sacrifices during the Vietnam War from November 1, 1955 - May 15, 1975; and

WHEREAS, more than 9,000 organizations across America have joined with the Department of Defense as a Commemorative Partners to honor our Nation's Vietnam Veterans, and

WHEREAS, this commemoration includes the nine million Americans, approximately 7 million living today, who served in the U.S. Armed Forces during this period, and makes no distinction between those who served in-country, in-theater, or were stationed elsewhere during those 20 years - all answered the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, Veteran's Affairs Secretary Robert A. McDonald has designated March 29, 2016 - March 29th being the last day that U.S. troops were on the ground in Vietnam - as a day to honor those who have "borne the battle," and to extend gratitude and appreciation to them and their families; now

NOW THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim March 29, 2016 as

WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 22nd day of March, A.D. 2016

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'P' followed by a long horizontal line.

Peter Shumlin
Governor